

Scofield Mountain Homes Fuel Mitigation Project:

The Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, Southeastern Office has worked with the homeowners association at Scofield Mountain Homes to develop a community fire plan.

Implementation of this plan has begun; first an education effort involving personal contacts, a presentation at the homeowners association meeting and mailings of Utah Living With Fire materials. This effort has been focused on creating and maintaining defensible space. The second effort has focused on reducing fuels.

The Division has provided wild fire hazard assessments for defensible space on approximately 30 properties. We have established a demonstration property for proper defensible space on an acre lot of mixed conifer. The community has started reducing fuel on a common area of mixed conifer; around 2 acres have been treated out of 5. A number of property owners are developing defensible space. Several common areas have been established for property owners to deposit the slash created and the Division has burned these piles several times.

The USDA Forest Service – Manti LaSal is a partner in this fuel mitigation project. They are in the process of planning a fuel break and use of prescribed fire on lands adjacent to this development.